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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN ADMINISTRATION OF WADI DHEHAB

SUMMARY: MAURITANIA'S GOVERNOR IN CHARGE OF PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF WADI DHEHAB RECENTLY REFERRED TO A SAHARA WHERE MAURITANIA ASSUMES CONTROL OF POPULATION OF WADI DHEHAB AND MOROCCO POPULATION OF SAGUIAT EL HA RA. GOVERNOR DISCUSSED MAURITANIAN ADMINISTRATION IN DAKHLA, PROBLEMS OF SUPPLYING POPULATION WITH FOODSTUFFS AND RECENT VISIT OF UN REP RYDBECK. END SUMMARY.

1. HAMOUD OULD ABDEL WEDOUD, MAURITANIAN GOVERNOR IN CHARGE OF PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF WADI DHEHAB, DISCUSSED WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS CONCERNING MAURITANIAN ADMINISTRATION OF WADI DHEHAB IN FEBRUARY 13 INTERVIEW APPEARING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PAPER. WEDOUD SAID THERE IS NO SPANISH PRESENCE IN RIO DE ORO AND THAT MAURITANIA HAS ASSUMED CONTROL OF ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY INCLUDING POLICE AND SECURITY IN DAKHLA. HE CLAIMED THERE IS NO MOROCCAN ADMINISTRATION IN DAKHLA AND THAT BOTH MOROCCANS AND SPANIARDS ARE CONTINUING TO LEAVE DAKHLA SO THAT BY FEBRUARY 28 IT WILL BE ADMINISTERED ENTIRELY BY MAURITANIANS. WEDOUD STATED THAT HEALTH SERVICES WOULD PROBABLY COME UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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MAURITANIAN CONTROL DURING WEEK FEBRUARY 8-14 FOLLOWED BY

POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE. EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS ALREADY CONTROLLED BY MAURITANIANS AND GIRM IS IN PROCESS OF TAKING CONTROL OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS. LOCAL POLICE HAVE BEEN REORGANIZED AND THERE ARE NO SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE CITY.

2. RESPONDING TO QUESTION ON MAURITANIAN PLANS TO ASSURE SUPPLY OF FOOD TO DAKHLA, WEDOU D SAID GIRM HAD ALREADY SENT BOAT FILLED WITH PROVISIONS, INCLUDING WHEAT AND BUTTER, AND THAT RED CRESCENT HAD PROVIDED ADDITIONAL ITEMS. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED IMPORT ORGANIZATION, SONIMEX, HAS OPENED BRANCH IN DAK IW IN ORDER TO SUPPLY LOCAL MARKET WITH ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS AND TEXTILES.

3. COMMENTING ON VISIT BY U.N. REP RYDBECK FEBRUARY 10, WEDOU D BELIEVED VISIT HAD GONE VERY WELL. HE SAID U.N. GROUP HAD WORKED HARD TO DETERMINE VIEWS OF DAKHLA RESIDENTS THROUGH NUMEROUS INTERVIEWS. WEDOU D SAID GIRM POSITION IS THAT SAHARAN POPULATION HAS CLEARLY SHOWN TO EVERYONE SINCE MADRID ACCORD AND SINCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA THAT IT WISHES TO REINTERGRATE WITH THE MOTHER COUNTRY, "MAURITANIA FOR THE POPULATION OF WADI DHEHAB AND MOROCCO FOR THE POPULATION OF SAGUIAT EL HAMRA". REFERRING TO THE MAURITANIAN-MOROCCAN AGREEMENTS, WEDOU D SPOKE OF "THE SOUTHERN PART RETURNING MOST NATURALLY TO MAURITANIA AND NORTHERN PART BEING REATTACHED TO MOROCCO." HANDY SIDE

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